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**EL PASO SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR NOT REGISTERING AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in El Paso this morning, 52-year-old John Charles Fox, an aircraft repairman residing in El Paso, was sentenced to 120 months in federal prison for failure to register as a sex offender and possession of child pornography while employed by and accompanying the armed forces outside the United States.

United States District Judge David Briones sentenced Fox to 120 months imprisonment for possession of child pornography to run concurrent with 97 months imprisonment for failure to register as a sex offender. Judge Briones also ordered that Fox be placed under supervised release for a period of ten years after completing his prison term.

According to court documents, in March 2002, Fox was convicted in the Superior Court of Guam of committing a prohibited sexual act with a minor. As a result, he was required to register as a sex offender on a yearly basis with local law enforcement wherever he resided for the rest of his life. Fox failed to update his registration with the El Paso Police Department in November 2007. Fox also failed to notify law enforcement of changes in his employment status as a military contractor as well as several trips he had taken to Iraq. While at Balad Air Force Base in Iraq, authorities determined that Fox was in possession of 22 videos and 14 photographs which contained child pornography. The images were found on Fox's laptop computer which was turned into lost and found authorities at Heathrow Airport in London on May 23, 2007. Fox was arrested January 22, 2008, in Detroit, Michigan, during a return trip to El Paso from Balad.

Fox pleaded guilty to both federal charges on June 30, 2008.

This case was investigated by investigators with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the United States Marshals Service. Assistant United States Attorney J. Brandy Gardes prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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